POLIPODIUM phegopteris.

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TAB. XX.

WOOD POLIPODY.

THE roots are long, crooked, branched, and creep under the moſs in the moiſt part of dark and ſhadowy woods, emitting a few fibres into the crumbly mould as they creep along.

First leaves from ſix to twelve inches high; rib a little chaffy, naked more than half its length from the root; general outline of the leaf triangular, tapering from the baſe to the point; colour a dark fuſcous green; rib ſlender, round, pellucid.

Second leaves eight or ten pairs, ſometimes oppoſite, loweſt pair the largeſt, thence diminiſhing to the top.

Lobes ten or twelve pairs; the loweſt pair ſhorteſt, united on its outer edge to the next lobe, on its inner to the rib of the firſt leaf, and is decurrent;